

EAST MINNEHAHA AND ROADS END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NEWSLETTER

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Members of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

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The East Minnehaha neighborhood Association Boundaries are:
North, Minnehaha & 63rd East, 1-205...South city limits, 52nd St. & 51st St.. West, St Johns

East Minnehaha, TREASURY REPORT; last reported general fund balance \$16.50. No
Expenditures.....Donations, \$20 from K Hoffman and \$25 from F. Hulburt. Balance \$41.50

Roads End Board Members:

VICE PRESIDENT; Barbara Murray

Roads End NA needs board members if interested call Barbara.

PHONE: 694-1689.....5513 NE 40TH ST.

The Roads End Neighborhood Association boundaries are:
49TH ST./ SR 500/ 54TH AVE./ 66TH AVE.

Vancouver Public School's Levy.

A replacement Levy for Vancouver Public Schools will be on the ballot Feb. 9, 2010. This maintenance and operations (M&O) levy supports basic programs and services.

The M&O levy has been in place for Vancouver schools since 1964. Voters must reauthorize it for every year. In 2006 voters approved a four year levy, which expires in 2010. The replacement levy is a three-year levy to continue existing programs and services through 2013.

The Feb 9 election is an all mail-in election. Ballots will be sent to registered voters Jan 20.

Voters approve levy amounts, not rates. Levy amounts are limited by the state's 24% levy lid. Vancouver Public Schools is asking for collection of \$39 million in 2011. \$41 million in 2012 and \$43 million in 2013. Estimated levy rates per \$1,000 assessed value of property are \$3.08 for 2011, \$3.23 for 2012 and \$3.33 for 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vancouver New Years Eve Bash.....

Join Vancouver's next mayor, Tim Leavitt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

8:PM-1:AM

HEATHMAN LODGE

7801 GREENWOOD DRIVE, VANCOUVER

\$50 individuals, \$90 couples, \$750 reserved patron table. Tickets and more information available at the Parks Foundation Clark county website

COMMUNITY CHOICES 2009 REPORT CARD LAUNCH

Wednesday, Feb 3rd, 2010

11:am-1:pm

Hudson Bay High School

1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver

Join us as we present the 2009 Report Card, which is the result of the work of a dedicated group of individuals who have analyzed and tracked the data that measures the health of our community. Our goal is to become the healthiest county in the state of Washington, so plan to attend the forum and find out what you can do to be part of this effort!

Guest speaker- Greg Vidor, President and CEO of the Washington Health Foundation.

2010 PORT RE:PORT;

Delivering Possibilities report to the community.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010

7:30am-9am

Red Lion Hotel at the Quay

Terminal 1, Port of Vancouver, USA

Cost \$25

RSVP to Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce 360-694-2588 or visit Vancouver's.com

CRIME:

Commander Cooke from the Clark County Sheriff's Dept. reminds us to follow a few easy steps, to help deter crime.

- . Shred all mail or other documents which contain personal information.
- . Remember to keep your car doors locked and remove all personal items from your car.
- . Remove your garage door opener from your car to prevent thieves from using it to access your garage/home.
- . Turn your outside lights on overnight to discourage prowlers.
- . Don't respond to any E-Mail solicitation or phone call which requests personal information such as credit card number, social security number, passwords, etc.

DOUGLAS CARTER FISHER PARK UPDATE

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approved the conceptual development plan for the park at it's meeting in November. Staff will now begin final design and permitting. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2010, (if funding is available).

The approved conceptual development plan has been posted on the project Web page. www.clarkparks.org/projects/dcfisher.htm

Later this winter, neighbors will be invited to provide input about the playground equipment used in the park.

Habitat For Humanity Resale Store

**5000 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.
360-213-1313
Open Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm**

Have you checked out the new resale store? We found some great buys got a brand new extra large, Jacuzzi tub for \$200. They have everything. Some new, some used construction stuff, remodeling and furnishings. Do you have left overs from a project? Get it out of your space and donate it to them.

THANK YOU NEIGHBORS

Thank you to so many wonderful people who reached out to help us during Tony's fight with Lung Cancer. He is doing great considering what his body has been through. Hopefully we will both be back to normal for our spring meeting. Sue and Tony Lintz

GROWING GROCERIES MENTOR PROGRAM

Now seeking volunteers!



IF YOU:

- 1. Have an interest in gardening...**
- 2. Want to promote healthy lifestyles...**
- 3. Enjoy open space and helping the environment...**
- 4. Believe in promoting community...**

...then become a food garden mentor!

Sign-up for the program today!

The training course will cover a range of topics, including:

- **Selecting a garden site**
- **Vegetable gardening**
- **Irrigation and soils**
- **Pest management**
- **Working with community groups**
- **Technical resources**

Training: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (bring a sack lunch)

Jan. 23, 2010

Feb. 20, 2010

March 27, 2010

April 24, 2010

Location: Second Floor Conference Room

Center for Community Health

1601 E. 4th Plain Blvd.

Vancouver, WA 98663

Costs: \$50 to cover the four training sessions and introductory course materials.

\$5 for a CD with additional publications and resources (optional).

To Enroll: Register online, <https://ocrs.wsu.edu/Signup/?eventid=585>

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



VANCOUVER-CLARK

**PARKS &
Recreation**



For more information, contact:

Ariel Rivers

AmeriCorps Garden Coordinator

(360) 397-8000, ext. 7388

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STREET GANG AWARENESS

From the SWMC SECURITY TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Gangs in various forms have existed since the beginning of wars and their specific origins have been studied intently.

The purpose of this document which was researched from miscellaneous sources (Portland Police and Vancouver police departments, and others)...and was compiled in September 2009; to educate swmc staff on the currently identified Street Gang population that exists in the Vancouver/Portland area, and to provide some identifying and other information which can help staff remain calm and safe while dealing with suspected gang members in our community. Remember that these groups may be involved with drugs, crime and violence. The following lists are not all inclusive as new groups are identified frequently.

First, let's identify some of the gangs that have been identified by law Enforcement that exist in the immediate Vancouver area:

CORNER BLACK HUSTLERS (Bloods)
JUGGALOS
MARA SALVATRUCHA 13 (MS13)
PASO ROBLES BOYS 13
ROSEMERE NORTENOS
RED COBRA BLOODS

HOOVER CRIMINALS 74
COURTYARD CRIPS
DESMADROSO 13 (DMS)
EVIL MINDED KILLERS
FAMLAY BIZNESS

While this list shy's in comparison to the list of street gangs in Portland, they can and do overlap into our community.

It is very important if you see graffiti to take a picture for the sheriffs gang task force then get rid of the graffiti as fast as you can. Don't try to determine if the graffiti is not gang related. Let the experts make that determination.

Public health service

Beginning Jan 4th, 2010, Clark County Public Health will change it's customer hours for services such as vital records, food worker permits and permits for septic tanks, wells and food establishments. Public Health has had to cut staffing because of low revenues for some permits and reduced state and county funding during the recession. For food worker permits, new hours for walk in testing will be Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8-11:45 am and 1-3 pm. For help with special needs please make appointment by calling 360-397-8428. To get copies of vital records or septic, well or restaurant permits, new customer hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8-11:45 am and 1-4:30 pm. On Wednesday, hours will be 9-11:45 am and 1-4:30 pm.

Clark County Public Health is located at the Center for Community Health, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Building 17, Vancouver.

For information call 360-397-8000.

LIFE is not measured by the number of breaths we take, BUT by the number of MOMENTS that take our breath away.

A neighborhood association is a group of people organized within a geographical area for the purpose of acting on issues affecting neighborhoods and community livability. A neighborhood association provides an open line of communication between the community and local government. Membership in the East Minnehaha and Roads End Neighborhood Associations is free and open to all residence, home owners, land owners, managers of multi family dwellings, non-profit organizations, (including but not limited to churches and schools.) and businesses within the boundaries of the neighborhoods.

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DRIVERS

Do you know if you are a driver over 55 you are eligible to take the AARP defensive driver course. MOST insurance companies will give you a discount if you take this 8 hour classroom course (check with yours). Our insurance company gave us a 15% discount for taking the course. Call 866-231-0216. Online course also available at www.aarp.org/drive

JANUS HOUSING PROGRAM

Progressive Access to Housing (PATH) is designed to provide basic financial and case management support to homeless individuals, or those in immediate risk of being homeless, ages 18 to 25.

Path can assist with initial move-in costs of an apartment, eviction prevention, and in some cases, short term rental assistance. Individuals must have a viable income to enter the program, which can not exceed 50% of the annual medium income, and be willing to participate in case management services.

Path services include: apartment search assistance, 3 to 18 months of case management support to help participants and their new apartments, financial support for apartment move in costs, emergency rental assistance with the furnishing of a new apartment.

Call 360-433-7368

CLARK PUBLIC UTILITIES

Be aware if power goes out the utility company must follow their “restoration priorities” to restore power, they are as follows;

First hazardous situations that may be a threat to the public.....Second; High voltage transmission lines, which deliver power from generating facilities to substations.....Third; Substations.....fourth; Major lines from substations.....and lastly lines serving our homes.

H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine is available for everyone!

Priority Groups

Pregnant women

because they are at high risk of complications from H1N1.

Children ages 6 months through age 24

Parents and caregivers of children younger than 6 months, so they don't pass the virus to their infants.

Health care workers

Health care workers because they can potentially infect vulnerable patients

Persons aged 6 months to 64 years with chronic medical conditions including:

- **Asthma**
- **Chronic lung disease**
- **Heart disease**
- **Diabetes**
- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Blood/kidney disorders**
- **Liver disorders**
- **Neurological conditions**



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Region IV Public Health
Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum counties
and Cowlitz Tribe

Although the spread of H1N1 influenza (swine flu) has slowed down, additional outbreaks are possible this flu season. Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent catching or spreading this contagious and potentially serious disease. Vaccinations are especially important for: pregnant women, people under 24, and people with chronic health conditions.

**Protect yourself from
the flu.**

Get vaccinated !

**Where to get H1N1
vaccine:**



If you have insurance

Call your provider, most clinics in Clark County now have the H1N1 Vaccine.

Go to a pharmacy

Most pharmacies in Clark County have the H1N1 Vaccine. For a complete list log onto: www.FluNewSWWashington.org

No insurance

Call one of these free/low-cost clinics for vaccine clinic information.

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| • Free Clinic of Southwest Washington: | 360-313-1390 |
| • Sea Mar Community Health Center: | 360-566-4402 |
| • Columbia Gorge Medical Center: | 360-335-1107 |
| • La Clinica de Salud Familiar: | 360-576-4140 |
| • Mountain View Urgent Care: | 360 666-8418 |

FOR LOCAL H1N1 INFO:

WWW.FLUNEWSSWASHINGTON.ORG

1-877-510-2772